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JOLENE SMITH and JAN PRAWDZIK,) Phil Lombardi, Clerk U.S. DISTRICT COURT
Plaintiffs,	
vs.) Case No. 98 CV 0843 H(J)
MORRISON KNUDSEN CORP. and SECOR INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED,))))
Defendants.	ý

DEFENDANT MORRISON KNUDSEN'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT WITNESS ON ALLEGED LOST INCOME AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT

COMES NOW Defendant, Morrison Knudsen Corporation ("MK"), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, and respectfully requests this Court to exclude from evidence the testimony, both oral and written, of the Plaintiffs' expert witness on the lost back wages and lost future income allegedly suffered by the Plaintiffs. Counsel for MK has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs in an effort to resolve the dispute without court intervention. However, the parties were unable to reach a mutual agreement satisfactory to both sides. The Plaintiffs maintain their objection to this Motion. In support of its Motion, MK offers the following legal brief.

I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Jolene Smith ("Smith") has alleged that MK discriminated against her in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and tortiously interfered with her employment relationship with SECOR International, Inc. ("SECOR"). Plaintiff Jan Prawdzik ("Prawdzik") has alleged that MK tortiously interfered with his employment relationship with





SECOR. In response, MK has affirmed that neither Plaintiff was employed by MK, that MK did not discriminate against Smith, and that MK played absolutely no part in SECOR's decision to terminate the Plaintiffs. SECOR has responded to the Plaintiffs' allegations by affirming that it terminated Smith for violating safety regulations and terminated Prawdzik for poor performance as supervisor of the Tar Creek Cleanup Site. The Plaintiffs claim they are owed lost back wages and lost future income. They intend to call Gary Barnes ("Barnes") as an expert to testify as to the amount of their damages. However, Barnes' testimony should be excluded for several reasons. First, Barnes is not an expert on lost income. Second, the theory forming the basis of Barnes' testimony does not meet the *Daubert* standard for reliability. Third, Barnes' testimony will not assist the trier of fact in determining the amount, if any, of lost income. Fourth, determining the amount of lost income is irrelevant in this case because lost future income will not be recoverable. Sixth, even if testimony regarding lost income is relevant, Barnes' testimony is unduly prejudicial.

II. BARNES IS NOT AN EXPERT AS TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF HIS TESTIMONY

Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence defines an expert witness as one qualified "by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education." While some courts in Oklahoma have allowed Barnes to testify regarding lost income, MK argues that Barnes is not an expert on lost income. Barnes has no accreditation, has no advanced degree, and is not a member of any professional association whatsoever. *Barnes' Depo.* at 4-5, 8. His education is limited to an undergraduate degree in accounting. *Barnes' Depo.* at 5. Barnes has been a practicing accountant for several years, but he is not a Certified Public Accountant. *Barnes' Depo.* at 4. His day-to-day work consists of preparing financial statements for small companies, preparing

their tax returns, reconciling their bank accounts, and running their payroll checks. *Barnes'* Depo. at 4. Thus, Barnes' educational training and work experience is in the area of tax and accounting, not in determining lost income allegedly resulting from termination of employment.

Barnes' extracurricular activities also fail to qualify him as an expert. Barnes has neither taught on the subject nor written any articles on the calculation of lost wages. *Barnes' Depo.* at 7-8. Furthermore, the most basic attribute of one who professes to be an expert in any area, is that he is familiar with the texts considered authoritative in that particular area. Regardless of whether the professed expert agrees with those authoritative texts, he should be familiar with the theories espoused in them. Barnes admits that he is not familiar with the theories contained in authoritative works on lost income because he, admittedly, does not even know what the authoritative sources are. *Barnes' Depo.* at 12-13. He also does not know who any of the local experts are on the issue of lost income. *Barnes' Depo.* at 16. Further, he is not aware of the methods used by experts in the area of lost income, has never heard an expert testify on the issue, has never read an expert's report on the issue, and has never read any publications discussing the methodology for determining lost income. *Barnes' Depo.* at 65-66.

These admissions alone disqualify him as an expert. In addition, Barnes did not perform any analysis for which an expert is required. Barnes admits that all he did was to enter the age, sex, race, and educational attainment of each Plaintiff into the computer software and the computer software calculated each Plaintiff's life expectancy, work life expectancy, the number of years until retirement, and the number of years remaining in the workforce. *Barnes' Depo.* at 13-15, 28-30. Barnes then simply entered what he believed was each Plaintiff's annual decrease in salary because of the termination and entered the "number of years until retirement" (which was generated by the computer software). The computer software then calculated the total lost

future income, and the computer software reduced that amount to its present value. *Barnes' Depo.* at 13-15, 28-30.

Barnes' testimony should be excluded because it is too simplistic. In *Blue Dane Simmental Corp. v. American Simmental Assoc.*, 178 F.3d 1035 (8th Cir. 1999), the Court held that expert witness testimony must not be overly simplistic. There, the expert concluded that the difference in the cattle markets in the U.S. and Canada was due entirely to the presence of Risinger cattle in the market. The Court excluded the expert testimony because there was evidence that several factors contributed to the difference in the two markets, and because the Risinger cattle constituted less than 1% of the cattle market.

In the present matter, a determination of the amount, if any, of lost income consists of more than mathematical calculations. Particularly, the projection of the Plaintiffs' future working careers requires a broad understanding of the surrounding circumstances and must include an analysis of several factors. MK suggests that, in determining expectancies of the Plaintiffs' future working careers, the trier of fact must consider the plaintiffs' health, education, opportunity for education, age, intelligence, industriousness, manner of living, sobriety or temperance, and frugality or lavishness. The trier of fact should also determine whether the plaintiffs mitigated their damages. Finally, the trier of fact should consider the condition of the labor market, the chance of advancement, and the chance of being laid off. These are the factors that the Plaintiffs' witness should address in this case.

However, Barnes admits he is not a vocational expert and has limited knowledge of jobs in the labor market, the jobs available, or the jobs in demand. *Barnes' Depo*. at 19. How can one with no knowledge of the labor market possibly compute a plaintiff's alleged lost income?

Simply, Barnes is not an expert and offers to the jury no additional expertise above that possessed by any of the lay members of the jury.

III. THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSED TESTIMONY IS NOT RELIABLE

The basis for all expert testimony must be reliable. However, Barnes admittedly has no basis for his professed expertise. During his deposition, Barnes stated that he was an expert in establishing lost wages. *Barnes' Depo.* at 7. Opposing counsel then asked him why he considered himself an expert in establishing lost wages. In response, Barnes said, "Well, I know how to do it." *Barnes' Depo.* at 7. However, Barnes' response begs the question of why he is an expert.

Barnes never goes on to explain how he knows how to establish lost wages, or who taught him "how to do it," or where he learned "how to do it," or when he learned "how to do it," or what establishing lost wages consists of, or why he establishes lost wages the way he does. Barnes did not inadvertently forget to answer these pertinent questions, he failed to answer these basic questions because he was unable to do so. The entire basis for Barnes' so-called expertise lies in the hope that the jury will just assume, or just take his word for it, that he knows how to establish lost income. Barnes' failure to explain any of the pertinent questions -- how, who, where, when, what, or why -- demonstrates that he is not qualified to testify as an expert on lost income.

¹ See Kumho Tire Company Ltd. v. Carmichael, 119 S.Ct. 1167, 1175 (1999). Whether the methodology used by an expert witness is reliable is based on four factors. These factors were previously only applied to scientific expert testimony, but in Kumho the Court applied them to all expert testimony. (1) Whether the theory or technique has been or can be tested; (2) Whether the theory or technique has been subjected to peer review and publication; (3) Whether the known or potential rate of error is low and whether there are standards to control the technique's operation; and (4) Whether the theory or technique is generally accepted in the particular scientific community. See Id.

Barnes' method of determining alleged future damages for plaintiffs in general is unreliable because it is riddled with errors. First, the only sources he regularly relies upon in preparing his so-called "report" are a plaintiff's payroll records, before and after the termination. *Barnes' Depo.* at 13. Second, he does not factor in real wage growth. *Barnes' Depo.* at 15. Third, he does not factor in inflation. *Barnes' Depo.* at 15. Fourth, he does not consult any data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Barnes' Depo.* at 15. Fifth, the "number of years to retirement" and the "number of years remaining in the workforce" is calculated solely by a computer software program, and Barnes is not aware of the factors used by the software program to determine these two figures. Sixth, Barnes could not explain why the computer software yielded different results for the categories "years to retirement" and "years remaining in workforce." *Barnes' Depo.* at 30. Seventh, Barnes could not explain the difference between the two categories "years to retirement" and "years remaining in workforce" or why he calculates a plaintiff's lost future income on "years to retirement" and not "years remaining in workforce." *Barnes' Depo.* at 30.

Not only is Barnes' general method of computation flawed, his computation in the present matter contains additional errors. First, the only correspondence between Plaintiffs' counsel and Barnes before Barnes prepared his so-called "report" was two facsimiles that Barnes received from Plaintiffs' counsel. *Barnes' Depo*. at 17. Second, when asked how he arrived at minimum wage as Smith's hourly rate upon which he computed her interim earnings, Barnes replied that he entered minimum wage because that was the information he received from Plaintiffs' counsel. *Barnes' Depo*. at 39. Third, Barnes factored in the interest rate at 5.2% because that was the prevailing Treasury-Bill rate at the time he prepared his report. He stated that was the only reason he used that particular interest rate and that he had not done any

additional analysis in that regard. *Barnes' Depo*. at 42. Fourth, he admitted the computer software he used cannot take into account anything particular to a plaintiff in determining work life expectancy. *Barnes' Depo*. at 42. Fifth, he assumed that Smith would have worked for 29 continuous years at minimum wage. *Barnes' Depo*. at 47-48. Sixth, he had no explanation for including overtime hours in Smith's interim earnings but not in projecting her future income. *Barnes' Depo*. at 49-50. Finally, he had no explanation for failing to include fringe benefits in his projection of Smith's future income. *Barnes' Depo*. at 51.

Thus, Barnes' general method for computation is flawed as are his computations in the present matter. Furthermore, Barnes' computations in this case are inconsistent. On one hand, he based Smith's future earnings on a wage rate below what she was earning when her employment was terminated. However, he based Prawdzik's future earnings on his ending, and highest salary. *Barnes' Depo.* at 57. (From counsel's experience, experts on lost wages usually average a plaintiff's wages over the last five years.) With respect to the Plaintiffs' employer-provided benefits, Barnes attributed \$4,800 in benefits or premiums to Prawdzik as an estimated value of company-paid health insurance, although he had absolutely no idea of the actual amount. *Barnes' Depo.* at 57. Also, he had no knowledge, and failed to inquire, as to whether either Plaintiff received benefits under a 401(k) plan, benefits which he might have included in his calculations. *Barnes' Depo.* at 61.

IV. THE PROPOSED TESTIMONY WILL NOT ASSIST THE TRIER OF FACT

Even if Barnes is considered an expert, expert testimony would not assist the trier of fact in the present matter to determine the amount, if any, of lost income. Under Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, expert testimony is admissible "[i]f scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a

fact in issue." The Advisory Committee's commentary to Rule 702 states that a court must use a liberal dose of common sense in determining when experts may be used:

[T]he common sense inquiry [is] whether the untrained layman would be qualified to determine intelligently and to the best possible degree the particular issue without the enlightenment from those having a specialized understanding of the subject involved in the dispute.

In the present matter, the jury can determine the amount, if any, of lost back pay and lost future income without the assistance of Barnes. Barnes is not offering to the jury any information or performing any calculations any one of them does not know or could not do for themselves. Barnes calls his final product, the evidence that will be submitted to a jury, his "final report." (Attached as Exhibits B1 – B8). However, the "report" is nothing more than a set of computer printouts. The printouts merely contain the result of the computer software's calculations. This cannot be considered the report of an expert.

As shown above, Barnes did not use any kind of expertise in determining the numbers to enter into the software program, he did not perform the calculations himself, and he did not perform even the slightest analysis for which an expert is required. *Barnes' Depo.* at 13-15, 28-32. Thus, MK fails to see how Barnes' testimony would assist the trier of fact in any way. The Plaintiffs' so-called "expert" simply is offering to the jury a printout of a computer's ability to perform mathematical calculations, and his testimony simply will consist of telling the jury the

results of those calculations.² In short, the "untrained layman would be qualified to determine intelligently and to the best possible degree" the results of the computer's calculations on a printout. What would aid the jury is an explanation of why he input the numbers he did. As discussed above, Barnes does not have the answers to these questions.

Finally, MK would emphasize that Barnes spent only a few minutes entering into a software program a few numbers given to him by Plaintiffs' counsel. *Barnes' Depo.* at 21, 66. If it took Barnes so little time to determine lost future income, a jury could perform this task equally well without his assistance. In short, Barnes has no expertise (and none is needed) in determining the amount of lost future income.

V. THE PROPOSED TESTIMONY IS TOO SPECULATIVE

Not only is Barnes' testimony regarding future damages based on unreliable methodology, the assumptions are too speculative and, therefore, should be excluded in accord with the Supreme Court's ruling in *Daubert* ("Proposed testimony must be supported by appropriate validation – i.e., 'good grounds,' based on what is known."). 509 U.S. at 590. The data generated by the computer software is speculative as to Prawdzik and incorrect as to Smith.

² The jury's most difficult task will likely be discounting future dollars to present value. However, the jury can be assisted in this task with a jury instruction, as it is nothing more than a mathematical exercise. In fact, in federal court a present value jury instruction is mandatory:

Although... no single method for determining present value is mandated by federal law and... the method of calculating present value should take into account inflation and other sources of wage increases as well as the rate of interest, it is equally clear that an utter failure to instruct the jury that present value is the proper measure of damages award is error.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. v. Dickerson, 479 U.S. 409 (1985); accord Hull by Hull v. U.S., 971 F.2d 1499, 1510-1512 (10th Cir. 1992). The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed that expert testimony is not necessary to determine the present value of future damages, that the jury's determination of the present value of future damages is, at best, an approximation, and that the jurors are not bound by tables, economic theories, or mathematical computations. Monessen Southwestern Railway Co. v. Morgan, 486 U.S. 330 (1988).

It is too speculative to assume that Prawdzik would have worked for the next 13 years at SECOR based on his poor performance as a supervisor.³ As for Barnes' computation of Smith's lost future income, it is impossible to say that she would have worked for the next 29 years at SECOR. It is a fact that she was a temporary employee, hired only for the duration of the Tar Creek cleanup project – a project which has now been completed.

VII. "LOST FUTURE INCOME" IS NOT RECOVERABLE UNDER TITLE VII

Under Title VII, Smith would be entitled to recover "future pecuniary losses" if the Defendants were found to have violated Title VII. See 42 U.S.C. § 1981a(b)(3). The term "future pecuniary losses" is commonly referred to by courts as "front pay." In the present matter, the Plaintiffs have not claimed "front pay," but rather "lost future income." While the two remedies are similar, they are not the same.

Front pay is an equitable remedy, available only where reinstatement is impossible, impractical, or improper. Front pay is a monetary award for the period of time beyond the date of the judgement and should continue only for the time period necessary to effect "make-whole relief." See Carter v. Sedgwick County, 36 F.3d 952 (10th Cir. 1994). Whether to award front pay is a matter for the court, which is granted wide discretion in determining the amount of the award. See Id. The court must set an ending date for front pay based on more than guesswork, and the time period must sufficient to make the plaintiff whole. See Id. Once the Court has determined the length of time for which the employer should be reasonably liable, it should deduct the employee's present salary from his previous salary, and multiply the difference by the relevant length of time. That sum should then be discounted to present value, and judgment interest should be added. See Fournerat v. Beaumont Independent School Dist., 6 F.Supp2d 612

³ MK suggests that a jury would more likely conclude that, if his employment were continued at all, his salary may have been lowered or remained unchanged due to his poor performance.

(E.D. Tex. 1998). Even if the Plaintiffs intended to plead for front pay in their prayer for relief, an expert is not needed to determine the amount of the award.⁴

VIII. PREJUDICE OF BARNES' TESTIMONY OUTWEIGHS PROBATIVE VALUE

Rule 403 of the Federal Rules of Evidence governs the exclusion of otherwise relevant evidence. Rule 403 applies to the admissibility of expert testimony as it applies to all other types of evidence. Even if Barnes' testimony is otherwise admissible, his testimony may be excluded "if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or misleading the jury." Here, the jury will be unduly influenced and mislead. If allowed to view Barnes' so-called "reports," the jurors may be fooled into believing that Barnes performed some sort of analysis in determining the figures listed, which he did not.

CONCLUSION

Barnes' testimony should be excluded because he is not an expert, his testimony is unreliable, his testimony will not assist the trier of fact, determining the amount of damages, if any, is too speculative, any testimony regarding lost income is irrelevant in this case, and because Barnes' testimony will be unduly prejudicial.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Morrison Knudsen Corp., respectfully requests that this Court exclude from evidence the testimony, both oral and written, of the Plaintiffs' expert witness on lost back wages and lost future income allegedly suffered by the Plaintiffs.

⁴ The amendment cutoff in this matter expired on October 26, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 3rd day of January, 2000, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Defendant Morrison Knudsen's Motion in Limine to Exclude Plaintiffs' Expert Witness on Alleged Lost Income and Brief in Support** was mailed via First Class U.S. Mail, with proper postage fully prepaid thereon, to:

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11 THE DEPOSITION OF GARY BARNES. produced as a witness on behalf of the Defendant Morrison

12 Knudsen Corporation in the above styled and numbered cause, taken on the 17th day of August 1999. In the

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5 1 income is derived from testifying as an expert witness? Well, could I change the question to like 3 court work in general or do you want it just as an 4 expert witness, that narrow? Well, how much of your income is derived 6 from being consulted, testifying, just being an expert 7 witness in terms of consultation, testifying. Oh, I'd say of the gross revenues, I 9 would say, I don't know, I'll just spit a number out, 10 I'll say 10 percent. 11 a What's your educational background? 12 Α I graduated from Tulsa public schools in 13 1968 and I graduated from Northeastern State 14 University. It was a college in 1972; now they call it 15 a university. But I graduated from Northeastern State 16 with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972. Any further education beyond that? 18 A No. I pretty much learned it all at that 19 level so I just shut down. 20 Since graduating from college, can you 21 tell me where you have been employed? 22 Α Well, the first five years out of --

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By the way, you don't happen to have a

24 resume with you here today, do you? I wasn't provided

25 with any curriculum vitae.

25 accounting.

What was the name of that company? Advanced Data. 3 And you started your own business in 1983 4 then? Yes, sir. Q And for the last 16 years you've been in 7 that company, your own company? 8 Α That's correct. ۵ You're, as I'm sure you understand. 10 you're being called by the plaintiffs in this case as 11 an expert witness. And I would like to know what your 12 personal opinion is of what you are an expert in. What 13 do you conceive in your own mind you're being called 14 here as an expert in what? 15 In establishing lost wages. And why do you consider yourself to be an 17 expert in establishing lost wages? Well, I know how to do it. It's a 19 procedure I went through many times and testified in 20 court about it a lot. I don't know when you cross over 21 the threshold and become an expert witness. But if by 22 training and by experience, then I guess I would be an 23 expert at it. Q Have you ever done any teaching in 25 school?

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Well, I could have faxed you one, brought 2 you one, provided you one, had you asked for it. 3 MR. HUBER: I'll get you one, David. I can fax you one when I get back to the 5 office. It's only one page. It's not too fancy. But 6 I do have one. But my last, my first five years after 7 getting my Bachelor's degree, I worked in corporate 8 accounting here in Tulsa. I worked at Williams 9 Companies for a year. I worked at Seismograph Service 10 Corporation, which was over at 41st and Sheridan. If 11 you've been around Tulsa, you remember Seismograph. 12 And I worked at Telex for about a year or so. I don't 13 know, for the first five years, I just kind of rotated 14 around several of these larger Tulsa companies. And 15 then in 1976, I started, I got into this area of doing 16 just small business accounting. And I did that for six 17 years. O In 1976, were you starting your own firm

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19 or how did that come about? No. I went to work for another company 21 doing essentially the same thing as I'm doing. I 22 started my company in 1983. So from '76 to '83, for 13 about a five or six-year period, however long that is, 24 I worked for another company doing small business

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2 O Have you ever written any publications on 3 the subject of calculating lost wages?

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Q What professional associations are you a 6 member of?

Α Oh, the Jenks Football Club, I guess the 8 Jenks Trojan Booster club is about the only thing I'm 9 affiliated with.

There's no accounting organization that 11 you're a member of?

12 A No. Could you imagine how boring those 13 meetings would be if you went to one?

14 Well, I won't comment on that. I guess 15 us lawyers maybe don't have much room to talk on that 16 sort of thing. Well, you indicated you've testified in

17 court on this issue of calculating lost income before.

18 About how many times do you suppose you've testified on 19 that subject?

Α Well, by trial testimony and deposition 21 testimony, collectively probably in excess of 100 22 times.

23 Q How many times in the courtroom itself in 24 front of a judge or jury?

Oh, 40 or 50, maybe.

9 11 1 ۵ When did you first start doing this? MR. HUBER: Come bere. 2 Oh, I would say in about the late '80s; THE WITNESS: I thought he was talking 3 '88, '89. I've been doing it for about ten years. 3 about Tulsa only. 4 Q Have all of these been in employment A I have testified in the Western District 5 cases or only some of them been in employment cases? 5 Federal Court several times. Well, I was talking about just employment In Oklahoma City? 6 ۵ 7 cases. I've testified quite a few times in court about Yes. And in Lawton. 8 matters totally unrelated. 8 Can you remember the names of the parties So all of these 40 or 50 times in court 9 involved in the last Federal court case you've 10 have been employment cases? 10 testified at involving employment matters? 11 Yes. 11 Lord, I couldn't remember what courtroom 12 Q And in all such instances, you have 12 it was, let alone the parties. No, I don't log them or 13 testified as to lost wages, projected damages in terms 13 try to schedule them or track them. They just bleed 14 of lost wages in the future. Is that correct? 14 together. I couldn't, I don't even know the last case 15 Α Yes. 15 I testified in. They just become numbers after a 16 How many times or what percentage of the 16 while. 17 time do you testify for the plaintiff? 17 ۵ Who was the attorney in the last case you 18 100. 18 testified? 19 Q Have you ever been consulted by a party 19 I don't know. 20 in a litigation but not asked to testify, either at a 20 Ω Have you ever testified for Mr. Huber 21 deposition or at trial? 21 before? 22 Α Have I ever been consulted by what now? 22 Yes, I have. 23 By a client? 23 And how many of those were employment law 24 Q 24 cases? By a party. 25 A By a party. 25 A Well, I think each time I've testified at TULSA COURT REPORTERS
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15 1 critical. How a Jut mortality? 2 What sources do you look at? 2 The software does it. 3 Well, what sources do I utilize to do my 3 ٥ What do you look at to calculate real 4 calculations? 4 wage growth? Q 5 Nothing. 6 Α Because that's different than saying 6 You don't factor that? I noticed you 7 authoritative. 7 didn't do it in your calculations here. You just don't 8 ۵ Yeah, I know. We'll get to that next. 8 use that as a factor? 9 Since the first question was vague, let's examine what 10 you look at when you go to testify. 10 I also notice in your calculations here 11 Okay. In order to prepare a calculation 11 you didn't throw in an inflation factor. Is that 12 of the lost wages, I have to look at the payroll 12 common or is this unique for you? 13 records of the client to establish what their earnings That's the way I always do those. 13 Α 14 were from the company that they were working at where 14 Q Okay. Do you ever consult any 15 information put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics 15 they were terminated. Then also look at their earnings 16 from the post-termination. So essentially, I'm looking 16 when you do these calculations? 17 at various payroll records. Well, the software program incorporates Α 18 Q Anything else? 18 the Bureau of Labor Statistics figures in there. 19 Α No. I think it's just primarily all 19 So other than using the software, you 20 paperwork. 20 look at the payroll records, post-termination records, 21 ۵ Well, let's just be specific. What do 21 plug that data into your software program. And what 22 you look at to determine how to reduce something to 22 else do you do? 23 present value? I don't plug anything. That's a nasty 24 Α How do I do that? 24 word to an accountant. I might enter it, but I don't 25 No; what do you look at? What source do 25 plug it. There's a joke. I'm trying to get you to TULSA COURT REPORTERS
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(918) 584-6633 14 16 1 you look at? 1 smile one time. 2 A I have a computer software program that I do occasionally. 3 does it. MR. HUBER: Just answer. O What's the name of that program? But anyway, yes, I take the payroll Present Value Calculator. 5 records to establish what they were making at the time Α 6 they were terminated and what they've made 6 Is that commercially available? Yes. I bought it through a software 7 post-termination, and I gather up that information and 8 company in California. 8 then with the assistance of this computer software Q 0 Is it designed for employment law cases? 9 program, I can calculate work life expectancy and what 10 I don't know. I don't know. 10 the future lost earnings were. 11 Is it designed for personal injury cases? Is there anyone in the Tulsa area that 12 I don't know. 12 you would consider better qualified than you as an 13 ۵ Do you remember the name of the company 13 expert on this subject? 14 you bought it from? 14 Α I wouldn't know. 15 No, I don't. There are others in this area that

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MR. STRECKER: Do you want to take a

(BY MR. STRECKER) So you look at payroll

The software does that. The computer

19 taken off the record by those present).

23 calculate work life expectancy?

21 records, post-termination records and you have your

22 Present Value Calculator. What do you look at to

(Whereupon, a brief recess was

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24

17 break?

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25 software.

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16 testify on this, I think we can all agree on that. Do

What are your fee arrangements with

Is that depending on what you're doing?

17 you know of any of the others who do?

\$75 an hour.

24 testifying in court, or it doesn't matter?

23 Is that \$75 whether you're working in your office,

It doesn't matter.

No.

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20 Mr. Huber in this case?

17 Now, is your fee arrangement with 2 Mr. Huber in this case the same as the arrangements 3 you've made with him in other cases? Yes. 5 Ω Is the \$75 an hour the fee you charge 6 other attorneys for testifying in similar cases? 8 ۵ What correspondence has transpired 9 between you and Mr. Huber regarding this matter? 10 Oh, one or two faxes that he's faxed my 11 office some information that I had to utilize to 12 prepare the loss damages work sheet. 13 Have you brought your file with you 14 today? 15 No. 16 Have your fees been paid in this case? 17 Not invoiced and not paid. 18 Do you invoice your clients such as 19 Mr. Huber in regular intervals or do you wait until a 20 case is over or how do you do that? 21 Α I'll wait till it's over. 22 Has Mr. Huber actually asked you to 23 testify in this case? No. He's just asked me to prepare the Α 25 work sheet.

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1 damages? 2 No. Do you consider yourself to be a 4 vocational expert, to have knowledge of jobs in the 5 labor market and what jobs are available and what jobs 6 are in demand? Do you know anything about that? No. I know something about it. I don't 8 consider myself an expert. And Mr. Huber has not consulted you for ۵ 10 anything of that nature? 11 A 12 Q In preparing your opinion in this case. 13 did you ever speak with either of the two plaintiffs 14 directly, Jolene Smith or Jan Prawdzik? 15 Α I don't recall. I might have had a phone 16 conversation. I haven't met them, I don't think, 17 face-to-face. But I might have talked to them over the 18 phone. It's been several months since I first got 19 involved in this, and I honestly don't remember. 20 ۵ Do you remember when you were first 21 approached to assist in this matter? 22 Oh, I think it was sometime, I think it A 23 was last year. I think it's been going on for several 24 months. 25

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You don't remember any more specifically

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Do you have any financial interest at all
2 in the outcome of this case?
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                 No.
                 To your knowledge, did Mr. Huber consult
 5 with any other expert with regard to the damages in
 6 this case?
 7
          A
 8
                 You weren't shown any other prior report
 9 done by another economist or accountant?
10
          Α
                 No.
11
                 What did Mr. Huber ask you to do in this
12 case?
13
                 Prepare a calculation of the plaintiff's
14 back lost wages and future lost earnings.
15
          Q
                 And is this true in the case of both
16 plaintiffs, Jolene Smith and Jan Prawdzik?
17
          A
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          ۵
                 Did he ask you to do anything other than
19 that?
20
          Α
21
          a
                 He didn't ask for your opinion on
22 anything else?
13
          A
                 No.
24
                 For instance, he did not ask for your
25 opinion on whether the two individuals mitigated their
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1 than that?
         Α
                No.
                Was Mr. Huber the one who approached you,
         Q
4 or someone else?
5
         Α
                I believe it was Mr. Huber.
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         Q
                What does your file contain in this
7 matter?
                It contains some photocopies of source
9 documents like W-2 forms and payroll stubs, stuff that
10 I referred to earlier to establish what their earnings
11 were. I have some hard copies of some of that. I've
12 got a client questionnaire that I have each person,
13 have each client fill out when I first get involved.
14 It shows me their name, address, age, sex and some of
15 this other stuff. It's just a one-page questionnaire.
16 And I've got one of those filled out. And then I've
17 got a, I think I've got one or two faxes that I
18 received from Mr. Huber's office.
19
         Ω
                Anything else besides that?
20
         A
                I don't think so.
21
                Did I ask you the name of the company out
22 in California that made that software?
23
         A
                Yes.
24
         Q
                 And you didn't know the name?
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No. I bought it several years ago and I

1 don't recall.

۵ Well, what did you do with this 3 information that you just mentioned, the W-2, the

4 questionnaire and so on?

Well, taking the questionnaire in concert 6 with the payroll source documents, I prepared the lost 7 calculation work sheet for each of the two plaintiffs.

How long did it take you to do it? Let's

9 just take Ms. Smith first. How long did it take you to

Oh, just to do the loss calculation, to 11 12 do the work sheet just takes a few minutes. I mean,

13 you can do one in 30 minutes once you have the

14 information in front of you. The work sheet itself is

15 really simple.

Let's take a look at some of the things 17 that were provided to me by Mr. Huber. And we'll first

18 identify them for the record and then we'll go over 19 them.

20

(Whereupon, Defendant's

21 Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification).

The first document I want to show you 23 I've marked as Defendant's Exhibit 1. Can you tell me

24 what that is?

25 Α This is page 2 of my loss calculations

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1 No. 3 was marked for identification).

All right. I'm showing you now what I've

3 marked as Defendant's 3. So far, all of these

4 documents have referred to Jolene Smith. I'll call her 5 Smith. But I guess her name now is Prawdzik also. Is 6 that correct?

Α That's my understanding.

What is Number 3, Mr. Barnes?

Α Number 3 is a loss projection schedule on 10 Ms. Prawdzik prepared by me on 8/13/99. And this

11 particular loss projection schedule shows total damages 12 of \$222,000.

13 Q And this assumes an \$8.50 an hour pay

14 rate. Correct? 15 A

16 I notice this is marked "Draft". Is

17 there any particular reason why it is a draft?

18 A Well, yes, it's not uncommon to be in the 19 process of preparing these loss projection schedules

20 that you get more current topical information on what

21 my client has made since they were terminated. They're

22 changing jobs and, you know, getting pay raises. So 23 more times than not, I have to do several versions of

24 these loss calculation schedules before you would get

25 one that you're ready to go to battle with.

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1 summary on Jolene Prawdzik. It's a by-product of that

2 computer software program I've referred to on several

3 occasions. It's actually the page that calculates the

4 future lost earnings.

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Well, let me show you what I've marked as 6 Number 2.

(Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit

8 No. 2 was marked for identification).

What's this document?

It's the same thing as Item Number 1, but 11 with a different annual earnings used as the basis for

12 the present value calculation.

Now, you said that Number 1 was the

14 second page of the document. What would the first page

15 be?

16

Α It would be --

17 Would it be one of these?

18

19 MR. STRECKER: And I'm referring to the

20 loss projection schedules for purposes of the record.

So Number 2 is the same as Number 1, 21

22 except for a different assumption concerning annual

13 earnings. Is that correct?

24 Yes, sir.

25 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit So it's a draft in the sense that you

2 maybe don't have all of her post-termination earnings? Well, it's a draft in the sense that it

4 might not be 100 percent accurate and I might have to

5 amend it at some time in the future and correct some 6 mistake on it.

7 ۵ Well, assuming there's no mistake on the

8 document as it exists now, then what would be some of

9 the reasons you might have to correct it in the future,

10 other than more earnings data?

11 Α Well, more earnings data, I have to use a

12 discount factor for future lost earnings and that

13 figure almost changes every day. So you know, you look

14 at the discount factor and just more earnings; that 15 primarily would be the two areas that would require a

16 change.

I take it all the documents we've

18 reviewed thus far were prepared by you. Is that

19 correct?

20 Yes, sir.

(Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 21

22 No. 4 was marked for identification).

23 ٥ I'm showing you Number 4. What is this

24 document?

It's another version of Ms. Prawdzik's 25

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25 1 damages. It was prepared on August 13 by me and the 1 for him? 2 total damages on this one is \$198,000 as opposed to 2 3 Number 3 which is \$222,000. 3 ٥ On this one you're using \$8.00 per hour 4 5 as an hourly wage. Is that correct? Yes. Her termination rate was \$8.00 per 6 7 hour. 7 say I did. 8 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit 8 Q 9 No. 5 was marked for identification). Now, I want to show you Number 5 and ask 11 you to tell me what that document is. 11 done. 12 It's another version of Ms. Prawdzik's 12 13 damages prepared on 8/13/99 and it's showing \$223,000 13 14 of damages. 14 15 Q The main difference between this one and 15 16 the one we just looked at is you don't assume any 16 ۵ 17 interim earnings. You don't assume minimum wage as the 17 has it? 18 interim earnings here. Is that correct? 18 19 Α Well, no, that's partly correct, maybe. 19 O 20 On the most recent one you've handed me, Number 5, 20 A 21 under Back Lost Wages, I had not reduced her total back 21 22 lost wages by anything other than \$1,000 that she had 22 23 earned at an employer called OHM. Whereas in Number 4, 23 24 I had factored in a minimum wage. So that would be the 25 difference between 4 and 5.

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For Jan?
                For Mr. Prawdzik?
                For Mr. -- Yes. Jan is Mister. Right?
                I don't know. If you show me one I'll
                That's all I got.
                It's probably the only one I did. But
10 you should have page 2, because one had to have been
                Right, okay. Well, we'll get that.
                MR. HUBER: I don't have it.
                MR. STRECKER: You don't have it?
                MR. HUBER: I don't think I got it.
                (BY MR. HUBER) Do you think your office
                Yes.
                Could they fax it over here?
                MR. HUBER: Do you want to do that?
                MR. STRECKER: Sure.
                MR. HUBER: If it's just a one-page
24 resume, let's let him do that. Let me give you my fax
25 number. Let's go off the record here.
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I mismarked this next one. I'm going to
2 change it to from 1 to 6.
                          (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
4 No. 6 was marked for identification).
         Q
                This is a lost income schedule for
6 Mr. Prawdzik. Correct?
7
         Α
                Yes.
                Now, I did not receive any kind of -- I
9 forget what you referred to this as -- I didn't receive
10 one of those for Mr. Prawdzik. Did you do one for him?
11
         Α
                Yes, sir.
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12 Q Did you only do one version for Prawdzik?
13 A Well, I have to do page 2, Counselor,
14 that you're holding in your right hand, any time

15 anything changes the present value, future lost 16 earnings, we have to generate another page 2. If it's 17 just affecting back lost wages, we don't have to

18 generate another page 2. But I can't get to total

19 damages without generating page 2 at a minimum. I have 20 to do it once.

21 Q This is page 2?

22 A Yes.

23 Q So you've got a page 2 for Prawdzik.

24 A Yes.

25 Q Now, did you do more than one schedule

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1 (Whereupon, a brief recess was 2 taken off the record by those present).

3 MR. STRECKER: Let's go back on the

4 record.

5 Q (BY MR. STRECKER) Other than the reports 6 that we have just identified and the one you're going 7 to have faxed over, did you prepare any other report

8 with regard to this case?

9 A No

10 Q Other than the documents you've already
11 told me about that you've looked at, have you any other

12 documents with regard to this case?

13 A No.

14 Q Other than what we've explained already?

15 A No.

16 Q Let's go over, let's start with Exhibit 1 17 and go over some of these figures that you have on this 18 page. The first thing I want to ask you about is the

18 page. The first thing I want to ask you about is the 19 life expectancy of Ms. Smith or Ms. Prawdzik -- I guess

20 we'll call her Ms. Smith right now.

21 MR. STRECKER: Can everyone agree on 22 that? It will help so Dalene won't have to type that

23 last name.

The life expectancy of 48.2 years, does

25 that come from your software program?

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29 31 No. Α 2 ٥ Now, there is a reference to percent of I notice in some of your calculations, 3 disability. Do you see that? 3 you use the 28.7. Or I think in her case, you use 29 4 Α Yes. 4 years. Does that come from the 28.7 years? 5 ۵ What does that refer to? Α Yes. 6 What that refers to is the, you have to In fact, it's right here on this page, it 7 go down two or three lines where it shows the inner 7 says Enter Years and you've got 29. 8 annual earnings of \$13,088. I want to calculate the Yes. And the computer does that. As a Α 9 future lost earnings on 100 percent of that figure. 9 matter of fact, on this work sheet, it asks me for a Now you've lost me. You want to 10 prompt for their age up at the top and their sex and 11 calculate the annual earnings based on 100 percent of 11 their race. And so I enter a response to those three 12 that figure? 12 prompts and then it takes off. 13 Α Yes. The plaintiff was making, I'm doing Q Now, it says "based on educational 14 the present value calculation on loss of annual 14 attainment". Do you enter the level of education? 15 earnings of \$13,088 and I want to calculate the future 15 Α 16 lost earnings based on 100 percent of that number. Q Maybe I'm just missing it, but I don't 17 Well, what does the term "disability" 17 see that here anywhere on it. 18 refer to? Α Yes, it does ask, there's a prompt on 19 19 there for that, that asks you whether -- you have four I don't know. 20 Have you ever testified in personal 20 prompts. Like zero to tenth grade, tenth through 12th, 21 injury cases on future lost earnings, a car accident or 21 college graduation. I don't know, I think there's four 22 a work accident or something like that? 22 answers there. And you have to pick one of the four. 23 I don't know if I have or not. Now, the paragraph of type at the bottom Α 24 24 of the page, is that something that the software prints Do you use this software for anything 25 other than calculating future lost earnings? 25 out? TULSA COURT REPORTERS 320 South Boston ** Suite 1106 (918) 584-6633 TULSA COURT REPORTERS
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(918) 584-6633 32 Α Yes. Do you have any knowledge as to whether Do you happen to know if the BLS has

3 this term "disability" could refer to a physical 4 injury? No. Now, there is a figure of work life 6 7 expectancy based on educational attainment of 21.1 8 years. Is that something the software gives you? 9 Α 10 And would your answer be the same for the 11 years remaining until final retirement and the average 12 number of years remaining in the work force? 13 A Yes. 14 What is the difference between the 15 average number of years remaining until final 16 retirement and the average number of remaining years in 17 the labor force? Α Well, I'm not exactly sure. I think one 19 explanation of that might be people retire early, you 20 know, maybe they retire at age 58 when statistically 21 they could have went on till they're 65. So that 22 number is not going to match up just year-by-year. So I guess you're not really sure where 24 those two figures, why there's a difference between 25 those two figures there?

3 anymore recent data than 1985? Α No, I don't personally know. And the revised work life tables look 6 like they're 1979 or 1980. Do you happen to know if 7 the BLS or the Department of Labor has produced 8 something more recent than that? 9 I don't know. 10 On Defendant's 2, if you would, look at 11 that now. 12 (Witness complies). Α 13 What is the difference between 14 Defendant's 1 and Defendant's 2? 15 The annual earnings amount, which is Α 16 right below the line. 17 Q And why is there a difference in annual 18 earnings here? 19 Well, I would have to --Α 20 Q Feel free to refer to the other schedules 21 if you'd like. Okay. Exhibit Number 2 matches up with 23 Exhibit Number 4 and Exhibit Number 1 matches up with

24 Exhibit Number 3. And it has to do with something we

25 touched on earlier, and that is factoring an amount for

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1 a minimum wage earned by the plaintiff during the
2 post-termination period.

- 3 Q Let's take a look at Number 3 then and 4 try to relate that. Exhibit Number 3, I believe we 5 have established assumes an \$8.50 per hour wage rate.
- 6 Is that correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And if I understand this correctly, we 9 assume \$8.50 per hour times the 2,080 hours of regular
- 10 time. Is that right?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And then you assume 40 hours of overtime
- 13 per month at time and a half for 12 months.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And then you add those two figures and
- 16 that would be her total annual compensation and
- 17 benefits.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Let me ask you why you assumed \$8.50 per
- 20 hour.
- 21 A It's my understanding from Mr. Huber and
- 22 from Ms. Smith that she was scheduled to be increased
- 23 to \$8.50 an hour within days before she was terminated.
- 24 So at the request of Counsel, I did a calculation at
- 25 \$8.50 an hour.

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- 1 months between April of 1997 and July of 1999 and you 2 come up with the \$55,533. Is that correct?
 - A Yes.
- 4 Q So that would be her back pay, based on
- 5 your assumptions, then?
 - A Yes.
- 7 Q Is there any particular reason you assume
- 8 that this lady would have worked from April of '97
- 9 through July of 199 at SECOR?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Did you understand that she was a
- 12 temporary laborer working on an as-needed basis?
- 13 A I don't know about that.
- 14 Q I gather that you don't have any personal
- 15 knowledge of the facts of this case; you're like most 16 experts and don't really know about what happened and
- 17 why she was terminated and that sort of thing.
- 18 A I don't get involved in that part of it.
- 19 Q I asked you a question earlier and I
- 20 don't want to go over the same ground twice, but you
- 21 never had any conversations with either Jolene Smith or
- 22 Jan Prawdzik about their termination?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Who said what to whom or whatever?
- 25 A No.

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- 1 Q Did you do a calculation at \$7 per hour 2 which was the wage she was making when she was
- 3 terminated?
- 4 A No. It's my understanding she was making 5 \$8 when she was terminated.
- 6 Q And then where did you get your figure to 7 use on the overtime, average monthly overtime hours?
- 8 A From the client questionnaire that Ms.
- 9 Smith filled out.
- 10 Q All right. So we take next, as I
- 11 understand Number 3 -- 1'm still looking at Number 3.
- 12 I'm sorry -- we take the number of months from April of
- 13 1997, which was her termination, until July, 1999, the
- 14 last full month here, and that's 28 months. Is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And then you take the \$23,800 that you
- 18 calculated as her average annual income and you divide
- 19 that by 12 on your next line.
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q Am I correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And that comes out to \$1,983.33.
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 a And then you multiply that by the 28

1 Q Now, going on down this form, we see that 2 there is a Post-Termination Earnings category and you

- 3 have her employment with OHM there, referred to. And
- S have her employment with UHM there, referred to. And
- 4 that was \$1,800. Correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 MR. HUBER: Can we go off the record?
- 7 Are those the documents? Can I look at them?
- 8 MR. STRECKER: Oh, yes. Let's go off the
- 9 record.
- 10 (Whereupon, a brief recess was
- 11 taken off the record by those present).
- 12 MR. STRECKER: Let's go back on the
- 13 record.
- 14 Q (BY MR. STRECKER) Let's identify a
- 15 couple more documents we were just presented. I'm
- 16 showing you Number 7. Now, can you tell me what that
- 17 is?
- 18 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
- 19 No. 7 was marked for identification).
- 20 A Yes. Exhibit 7 is page 2 of
- 21 Mr. Prawdzik's loss calculation report. It shows
- 22 present value of future lost earnings of \$404,672.
- 3 Q And it's got that 100 percent of
- 24 disability figure up there. Work life expectancy -- 25 it's got all the same figures as before. And then

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37 1 whether she was promoted, whether she was transferred 1 Number 8 is your resume, I gather. 2 from job to job or anything of that nature? Α Such that it is. Yeah, you might want to 3 get that one laminated. Is this the only resume, the current 4 5 earning? 5 resume that you have? 6 6 Α Yes. Let's go back to Number 3 if we might, 8 please. I believe we were talking about the OHM .. ٥ 9 calculation. There was \$1,800 per month. Q Α No. Well, that's not per month. 10 a 10 Α I'm sorry. That was her income from OHM, 11 12 post-termination. Excuse me. And then you have used a 12 13 minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour for 28 months which is 14 ٥ 14 the back-pay period from April till July. 15 15 Α Yes, sir. A Yes. April of '97 to July of '99. 16 16 ۵ 17 Yes. Α And you used 173.33 hours per month. 18 19 Does that equate to 2,080 hours per year? 19 you? 20 20 Α 21 And that figure is \$24,994? ۵ 22 Α Correct. That's assuming she made minimum wage 23 23 24 from the time of her termination to the end of last 25 month, added those two together and you come up with a

Why are you assuming a minimum wage Well, I did that, that \$24,994, that was 7 at the request of Mr. Huber. No other reason besides that? It's not based on anything about the job 11 market in that area or anything of that nature? No. Quite simply, Mr. Huber asked me to 13 do a work sheet with that item. He asked you to do it and you did it? I gather you're not testifying on 17 causation, are you? You're not testifying that the 18 wrongful termination caused these future losses, are Well, I don't know. That's kind of, I 21 don't know. You referred to something about causation, 22 and then you got into something else. I don't know. Let's try to make it as simple as we can. 24 Are you testifying that, because of her termination 25 from SECOR's employment, Ms. Smith suffered \$222,000

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1 total interim earnings of $28,739 and some change.
                Well, you call them interim earnings. I
3 call it, refer to it as net back lost wages.
                Well, interim earnings would be, interim
5 earnings to me means what you made since your
6 termination.
         Α
                Okay.
                And we have, in your particular case, we
9 have got actual interim earnings which was what she
10 made from OHM and then we have what I would call
11 constructive interim earnings, which would be the
12 minimum wage amount. And you subtract that from your
13 $55,000 figure and then you come up with your net lost
14 wages of $28,000?
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                You don't have any knowledge of when Ms.
16
17 Smith would have, when her work would have ended there
18 at the Tar Creek project, do you?
19
          Α
                 No.
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                 Do you have any knowledge of the nature
21 of the work she was doing there?
                 No, other than I just recall hazardous
          Α
13 waste. I don't really know.
                 Do you have any knowledge of her work
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25 history while at SECOR at the Tar Creek project,

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1 and some odd cents worth of damage. Is that your
2 testimony?
                Ask that one more time, please.
                MR. STRECKER: Well, let's read back the
5 testimony to him.
                          (Whereupon, the previous
7 question was read from the record by the Reporter).
                Yes
8
         Α
                Now let's talk about the lost future
10 earnings. The annual compensation benefits at
11 termination come from what we've talked about earlier,
12 the $23,000. And then you take what you call current
13 earnings, which is the minimum wage times 2,080 hours
14 and that comes up to $10,712. Correct?
15
         A
                Yes.
16
                This is per year?
17
                Yes.
                And so you subtract the $10,000 figure
19 from the $23,000 figure and you've got an annual, what
20 you call an annual decrease in compensation of $13,088.
21
          Α
                And then you take that and you project it
23 for the next, looks like 29 years, which equates to
24 her, if I'm not mistaken, average number of years
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25 remaining until final retirement from the labor force.

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Yes, as reflected on Exhibit Number 1.

Correct. And the present value of that 3 equals \$193,827?

A Yes.

5 Why did you project this out for 29

6 years?

That's how many years she had remaining

8 in the work force; she had 29 years.

And why didn't you figure in, if you were

10 going to use minimum wage, why didn't you figure in any

11 increases in minimum wage?

Well, I didn't do that because when I do Α

13 these loss calculation schedules, and when I do them

14 for anybody at any time, I always apply the same

15 methodology. But at the time she was terminated, I

16 figured that she would make \$8 -- whatever she was 17 making at the time of the termination, I strung that

18 forward 29 years. And I do the same on the other side,

19 on post-termination. I don't get into this routine of

20 trying to forecast what cost of living wages would be

21 and all that. So I just take it, what it existed at

22 the time of the termination. So under that strategy,

23 then you don't factor in raises and all that.

24 What is the 5.2 percent figure? What

25 does that represent?

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Not to my knowledge.

You don't input any data concerning how 3 long she held jobs in the past or anything of that

4 nature?

No. As I mentioned earlier, it might be 6 worthy to reiterate it. I put in age, sex, race, how

7 far they got in school. And those are the four

8 intangibles that I enter a response to. And then

9 that's it.

10 And these calculations that the software 11 performs here, they don't take into account any

12 possibility that she might have left the labor market

13 and then come back into the labor market. They assume

14 continuous employment; isn't that correct?

15 Α Yes.

16 Q Do you have any, I mean, have you ever

17 reviewed any statistics by the Department of Labor or

18 the BLS that show what the probability is that someone 19 of Ms. Smith's age and sex and race continuously stay

20 in the labor force for that long of a time?

21 No. I've done no such analysis.

22 ۵ Would it surprise you if I told you that

23 those figures show that most people of her age, sex and

24 race don't stay in the labor force for 29 consecutive 25 years?

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That is the one-year T-bill rate.

And why do you use the one-year T-bill

3 rate?

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4 Oh, it's a fair amount to use. More

5 often quoted and figured.

6 Q Why is it fair?

Oh, I don't know why it's fair. It just

8 is. But it's a common interest rate. And I don't

9 know, I just think it's a fair and equitable percentage

10 to use.

11 Do you know if your average wage rate

12 growth, real wage rate growth is less or more than 13 T-bills, historically? Let's say one-year T-bills,

14 since that's what you use.

15 Is the average real wage growth?

16

17 I would say over the long haul, it would Α

18 be less than that.

19 I'm sorry. Which would be less than

20 what? The wage growth would be less than the T-bill

21 rate?

22

Yes.

Your software doesn't take into

24 consideration anything particular to the plaintiff in

25 determining work life expectancy, does it?

Oh, I don't know. I don't know.

Q Given the fact that, and maybe you didn't

3 know this, but given the fact that Ms. Smith was

4 working at basically a construction type job that had a

5 definite ending date -- in fact, her company is no

6 longer there at that site -- don't you think that

7 projecting out the income she was making there for 29

8 years is a little bit on the speculative side?

No. I think it's the best information

10 available. And it's what existed at a certain period 11 of time that we know that's happened. So it's

12 something we can analyze and put our finger on. So the

13 amount is not speculative, I don't think. Now, you

14 know, if you want to talk 29, 28 years, 25 years, I

15 don't know. But the amount, I think it's a reasonable

16 way to approach calculating damages.

17

Even for someone in her position? For

18 instance, if Ms. Smith would have -- well, let me ask

19 this: Do you understand if Ms. Smith would have

20 remained in SECOR's employment and not been terminated,

21 that today she would no longer be employed by SECOR? 22

MR. HUBER: I'm going to object as to the

23 form. Assuming facts not in evidence. I think 24 Mr. Strecker is making a conclusion that he cannot make

25 whether or not she would still be employed at SECOR.

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1 2 from the cite	MR. STRECKER: Well, they've demobilized	1 to die this 2 A	•	
2 from the site		2 A 3 Q	Yes.	
•	Did you understand that?	4 same and sa	And the same for the next year and the	
4 A	Do I understand your question?			
5	Yes.		Uh-huh.	
6 A	I think so. I've almost forgot it.	6 Q	And the same for Ms. Smith?	
7 9	Well, let me ask it again. In performing	7 A	Yes.	
t .	itions, you did not take into account the	8 Q	Do you know if your software takes that	
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12 A	No.	12 a	Your software, as I understand it,	
13 Q	You're not saying in these calculations,	13 assumes a 1 14 Right?	level wage rate that she's going to make.	
14 are you, that	14 are you, that Ms. Smith would have remained, if she had			
15 not been terr	ninated in April of 1997, that she would	15 A	Well, the software doesn't. I instruct	
16 have remained with SECOR for 29 or 30 years? You're		16 it that. That's me. That's my brain at work. But		
17 not saying that, are you?		17 you're correct in that I do assume a level amount of		
18 A	Well, I don't know. What I'm saying is	18 what she w	as making when she was terminated. I let all	
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25 A	Well, the 29 years was a function of the	25 she's goin	g to be at SECOR for 29 years making the same	
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1 computer sof	tware. But the rest of it is just my own	-	d it also assumes that the minimum wage, she'd	
	2 way of doing a calculation.		minimum wage for 29 years.	
3 a	So you're not testifying here today then	3 A	Yes.	
4 that if she	4 that if she had not been terminated, she would have		Without any changes or fluctuations?	
5 remained with SECOR for 29 years. You're not saying		5 A	That's correct.	
6 that, are you?		6 a	Is it true that in your typical person,	
l		I		

No.

Would you agree with me when I say that 9 if she would have not been terminated, we really have

10 no idea of knowing where she'd be employed today?

I don't know if I'd say no idea. She 12 might still be with SECOR. I mean, it's kind of a 13 fuzzy question. I don't know.

Well, do you think my question is any 15 fuzzier than assuming she would be with SECOR for 29

16 years, which your calculations seem to assume?

I don't know. I hate to say I don't 17 18 know, but I don't know. Your questions are over my

19 head. You're losing me.

20 Do you know if your software's Q 21 calculations account for mortality by year?

22 Gosh, I don't know.

Isn't it true that in any given year of 24 our lives, like you and I are about the same age, that 25 there's a certain mortality percentage that we're going

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7 your average person, their wage rate tends to go up for

8 a while, peak, and then go down as they get older? Do

9 you know if that's true or not?

I don't know. It might be in some 10

11 sectors of the employment field but not others.

12 Q Do you know what I mean when I say real 13 wage growth?

14 Oh, I've got, I've probably got a working A 15 idea of what that might mean.

What is your idea of what that means? 16

17 Real wage growth? Well, you might mean,

18 I don't know, but you might mean the amount of your

19 wages that, the increases that you receive in the

20 future minus the cost of inflation. Some people might

21 could say that's what that would be.

Do you know if historically that wages

23 have always seen a real wage growth, or have we ever 24 seen a real wage decrease in any particular industry or

25 secular economy?

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4 in the possibility of a real wage decrease?

It can't. Α

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10 Α No, sir. That program doesn't have any 11 of those kind of options on it. It's just strictly a 12 present value calculator.

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(918) 584-6633 56 1 at SECOR, which was \$7 an hour, weld have to change our 1 Number 6. 2 calculations in that respect, would we not? 3 Yes. Δ 3 MR. HUBER: Can we take a five-minute And you don't have any knowledge or data 4 break? 5 on how probable it is that Ms. Smith will or will not 5 MR. STRECKER: Yes, certainly. 6 get a job and what she might be making if she does get (Whereupon, a brief recess was

7 a job? Α I'm always a little bit curious in these 10 economic damage cases and employment matters, how it 11 can be said that her loss of employment by or at SECOR 12 would cause her to live out the rest of her work life 13 making only \$5.15 per hour. Can you enlighten me on Well, I did a while ago. I believe we've

14 that? 15 16 already gone over it. I think that's been asked and 17 answered. But the reason is, I assume that what she 18 was making when she was terminated is not going to 19 change, whether it was \$7 or \$8 or \$8.50 an hour or 20 whatever she was making at termination, I take that for 21 29 years. So when I try to account for something that 22 she's presently making in the work force, I base that 23 upon minimum wage. If they have not entered the work 24 force and they're actually making zero, at a minimum I

25 use minimum wage. I carry that forward for 29 years.

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               (BY MR. STRECKER) We're ready to talk
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9 about Jan Prawdzik now, Exhibit Number 6 and Exhibit 10 Number 7. And the bottom line I see on Prawdzik on 11 Number 6 is a total damage amount of \$511,000. Is that

12 correct?

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13 Yes, sir. 14

And all these figures, I think you've 15 already given me my answers, but just to make sure $I^{\, 1} m$ 16 right, when we look at Prawdzik's work life expectancy

17 based on educational attainment on Exhibit 7, that's

18 something that the software produces based on the data

19 input by you. Is that correct?

20 Α Yes.

21 So all these figures are what the 22 software calculates; nothing is different from what we

23 saw on Jolene's page 2?

24 A That's right. It's exactly --

The same thing?

The exact same thing. 1 A Did you look at anything in regard to 3 Mr. Prawdzik that you did not look at with regard to 4 Jolene?

Α No.

Now, you assume a \$70,000 annual salary ۵

7 for Mr. Prawdzik. Is that correct?

Α Yes.

And that's what he was making as of the Q

10 time he left SECOR, I believe?

That's my understanding. That's the 11 Α

12 figure I was provided.

13 ۵ Do other experts when they go to

14 calculate future income, do they ever make a

15 calculation of an average wage, say, go back and see

16 what this guy was making over the last five years and

17 average that, rather than taking his highest or last

18 wage? Do you know?

19 Α I don't know.

20 Now, you have assigned a value of \$4,000,

21 looks like \$4,800 to company paid benefits.

Yes. Line 2 of the work sheet. Α

23 ۵ Can you tell me how you arrived at those

24 figures?

25 It's probably an estimate since it's just

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1 insurance cost the company to pay for the benefit of 2 this employee? And it's hard to get the exact amount

3 and so you end up using an estimate.

Now, do you have any information that 5 Mr. Prawdzik went out and had to buy his own health

6 insurance after he left?

Α I don't know. I don't have any

8 information.

Q Because if he didn't, then that wouldn't

10 really be a legitimate item of damage, would it?

Well, it would be an item of damage: If 12 the company was paying his health insurance, that would

13 be a form of compensation.

But it wasn't paid directly to

15 Mr. Prawdzik, was it? It was paid to an insurance

16 company?

17 Well, it was still a benefit.

18 Right. But if he didn't have to turn

19 around and basically buy that benefit for himself after 20 his termination, how would that be an item of damage?

21 I don't understand that.

22 Α Well, if a company is paying your --

23 which is common now, a lot of companies, they really

24 load you up on medical benefits now and they pay for

25 prescription medicine and everything else. And that's

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1 \$4,800, but I should have said so parenthetically where

2 that came from. But no, I can't recall as I look at

3 this who provided me that estimated amount.

Well, let's just talk generally now. Q

5 When you go to estimating the value of company-paid

6 benefits, let's talk about health insurance first. How

7 do you estimate that?

Well, if I don't have an exact amount 9 provided by the client, then I just use my own

10 experience on what a family might be paying or a couple

11 for health insurance. I mean, I've been in this for 20

12 years. I have a pretty good idea of what insurance

13 premiums cost. So I just use my own knowledge and

14 experience to come up with, well, would it be \$200 or

15 \$300 a month.

16

Q So you're talking about premiums then?

Yes. Uh-huh. What the cost of health

18 insurance would be. So it's not uncommon at all for me

19 to have to estimate what the health insurance is.

20 Because the only reason it would show up on this work

21 sheet would be if it's being paid by the employer, not

22 the employee. Because if it's on the employee's pay

3 stub, it's not company-paid. So then the client has to

24 get that information from the employer, and I guess

25 quite often that's hard to find out, what did the

1 becoming more common, because you don't have to pay

2 payroll tax and some other costs. So it is certainly,

3 the trend is to put as much of somebody's annual

4 compensation off of their payroll check. And so having

5 said that, certainly if an employer is paying for your

6 health insurance, it's part of your compensation. And

7 irrespective of what Mr. Prawdzik might have done after

8 termination in trying to get insurance or replace 9 insurance, irrespective of that, if it was a benefit

10 the company provided, it would be a form of

11 compensation.

I guess your answer would be the same 12 ٥

13 then for life and dental. Correct?

14 Α Yes.

You're not saying that Mr. Prawdzik went 15 16 out and incurred medical expenses that otherwise would

17 have been covered by health insurance, are you? That's

18 not a part of your calculations, is it?

19 No. Α

Let's talk about the 401-K a little bit.

21 What sort of information did you have about the 401-K

22 plan?

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I don't really recall. I need to look

24 into that a little deeper. I don't know. And I think

25 this entire \$4,800 line is probably just a good faith

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1 estimate to get something in there, at least to get the 2 debate start.

- 3 Q You don't know if he's 100 percent vested 4 in the 401-K contributions or anything like that?
- No, sir. And that's something that, as I 6 distill that information in the future, it will be a

7 reason to amend the work sheet.

- Also I notice in these calculations . 9 there's been no accounting for taxes, payroll taxes and 10 that sort of thing. Is that typically the way you
- 11 perform the calculations?
- 12 Α
- 13 Any particular reason why you do it that

14 way?

- 15 Oh, I think it's just to be fair, I think 16 it really is fair on the side of the defendant, but
- 17 fair nonetheless because payroll tax is 7.65 percent of
- 18 a person's self, payroll taxes are paid by an employer.
- 19 So I mean, if you were to factor it in there somewhere,
- 20 it would be to the benefit of the plaintiff and to the
- 21 detriment of the defendant. But in my opinion, it's
- 22 just better just to leave it off.
- 23 Well, are you assuming that, let's say
- 24 Mr. Prawdzik were to get this \$511,000, that he would
- 25 have to pay taxes on it at that time?

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- 1 termination, he did do some work for C&C Structural.
- So this \$16,000 and the \$14,000, those
- 3 are his earnings in a 22-month period. Correct?
 - A Yes.
- Now, when you go down, in the next
- 6 category, to the current earnings, you use a \$15 an
- 7 hour figure for Mr. Prawdzik.
- Where do you come up with that \$15 per

10 hour?

11 I think Mr. Huber, his attorney, informed 12 me that that's what he's presently making in the work

13 force.

18

14 So that came from Mr. Huber?

Yes, I do.

15 A I believe so.

16 Do you know if he's getting any kind of

17 benefits at his current place of employment?

Α No, sir, I don't know of any.

19 Q And you're not projecting any raises or

20 anything like that at Davis?

21 Correct: I am not. 22 Q

Just as in the case of Ms. Smith, you 23 projected no fluctuation in income at all?

24 A That's correct.

25 Do you have any knowledge as to what

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- Α Well, is that another question
- 2 altogether: Is that taxable?
- Well, are you assuming that he would have
- 4 to pay taxes on it?
- Well, taxes don't have any bearing on Α
- 6 this work sheet at all.
- I understand. But in your opinion -- and
- 8 you obviously know something about taxes; I looked at
- 9 your resume -- would Mr. Prawdzik have to pay taxes on
- 10 this \$511,000, should be receive it?
- 11 Α Yes.
- 12 And do you happen to know what his tax
- 13 bracket is?
- No. But before he calculated his tax, he
- 15 could subtract his attorney's fees and any other
- 16 out-of-pocket costs he had. But the net amount that he
- 17 benefited, it's ordinary income. It's really like
- 18 getting one big payroll check at one time.
- 19 a You had a category under the
- 20 post-termination earnings, of C&C Structural, and
- 21 you've estimated that at \$16,000. Is that his current 22 employer?
- No. He's currently working for Davis
- 24 Surveying, which is the next line down. But in the
- 25 22-month period wore dealing with here since

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- 1 government statistics show someone of Mr. Prawdzik's
- 2 educational, age and race group, typically make, if
- 3 it's more or less than \$15 per hour?
 - Α I don't know.
- Now, do these figures assume Mr. Prawdzik
- 6 is going to remain in the work force -- he's 49 now. I
- guess -- another 15 years? Is that right?
- 8 Well --A
- 9 ٥ 13 years?
- 10 A Yes, 13.
- 11 And where do you get that figure from?
- 12 Exhibit 7.
- 13 Is that the average number of years
- 14 remaining in the labor force?
- 15 Α Yes.
- 16 ٥ Or the average number of years until
- 17 final retirement?
- 18 I think it's, the first one, average
- 19 number of years remaining until final retirement from
- 20 the work force.
- ٥ In Ms. Prawdzik's calculations, you used
- 22 something different, I think -- unless I misunderstood
- 23 you. I thought in her calculations you used, in coming
- 24 up with 29 years, you used the number of years
- 25 remaining until final retirement.

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65 Well, let's see here. No, I think it's 2 the same one. Average number of years remaining until 3 final retirement from the labor force. Right. Which is, there are 28.7 in her 5 case. So I guess you rounded it up to 29 years. 6 Right? Right. And then in Prawdzik's case, you use a 9 13-year figure. And my question is, is that based on 10 the 12.7? 11 Yes, sir. Α 12 Q And you just rounded up again? 13 Yes, sir. A Did you make any special or different 15 assumptions in Mr. Prawdzik's case that you did not 16 make for Ms. Smith? 17 Do you know if any of the other experts 18 19 in your field have a different method for calculating 20 future income, --21 Α No. -- future lost? 22 I've never sat in or heard them give 23

24 deposition testimony or trial testimony. I've never

25 seen one of their work receipts.

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CERTIFICATE 2 3 STATE OF OKLAHOMA) 4 COUNTY OF TULSA I, DALENE LAWRENCE, Certified 6 Shorthand Reporter within and for Tulsa County, State 7 of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above named 8 witness was by me first duly sworn to testify the 9 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in 10 the case aforesaid, and that I reported in stenograph 11 his deposition; that my stenograph notes were 12 thereafter transcribed and reduced to typewritten form 13 under my supervision, as the same appears herein. 14 I further certify that the foregoing 67 15 pages contain a full, true and correct transcript of 16 the deposition taken at such time and place. I further certify that I am not attorney 18 for or relative to either of said parties, or otherwise 19 interested in the event of said action. 20 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 30th day of 21 August, 1999. 22 23 24

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Never read any publications which
2 discussed different methodology or anything like that?
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         Q
                How long did it take you to do
5 Mr. Prawdzik's calculation?
                Oh, probably half an hour.
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                MR. STRECKER: I don't believe I have any
7
8 further questions. Do you have any questions?
                MS. RINN: I don't have any at all.
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                MR. STRECKER: Do you have any questions?
                MR. HUBER: No.
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                MR. STRECKER: Do you want to read your
13 deposition or do you want to waive your signature?
                 THE WITNESS: Heck, no, I don't want to
14
15 read it.
                        (WITNESS EXCUSED)
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                                     (Signature waived)
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FUTURE DAMAGE AND PRESENT VALUE CALCULATOR DATE: 08/13/99 EEE DATA WRITE-UP, INC. 3150 E. 41ST ST, SUITE 108, TULSA OK 74105 000

Client Name: JOLENE PRAWDZIK

Age: 32

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Sex (M/F): F Race (W/B/O): W Percent of Disability: 100%

Life Expectancy: 48.2

Worklife Expectancies

Worklife Expectancy Based on Educational Attainment 21.1

Average Number of Years Remaining Until Final Retirement From the Labor Force 28.7

Average Number of Remaining Years of Labor Force Participation 20.6

Calculation of Future Lost Earnings

Enter Interest Rate: 5.2 Enter Annual Earnings: \$ 13,088 Enter Years: 29
Present Value Amount: \$ 193,827.64

Worklife duration figures were obtained from the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, compiled as of September, 1985; and material reprinted from "Revised Worklife Tables Reflect 1979-80 Experience", Monthly Labor Review, U. S. Department of Labor, August, 1985, author Shirley J. Smith, Demographic Statistician in the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data on average number of years until final retirement from the labor force have been reprinted from "The Use of Worklife Tables in Estimates of Lost Earning Capacity", Monthly Labor Review, U. S. Department of Labor, April, 1983, author David M. Nelson, Associate Professor of Economics, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. The data were extracted from U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of February, 1985.

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Calculation of Future Lost Earnings

Enter Interest Rate: 5.2 Enter Annual Earnings: \$ 11,688 Enter Years: 29

Present Value Amount: \$ 173,094.24

Worklife duration figures were obtained from the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, compiled as of September, 1985; and material reprinted from "Revised Worklife Tables Reflect 1979-80 Experience", Monthly Labor Review, U. S. Department of Labor, August, 1985, author Shirley J. Smith, Demographic Statistician in the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data on average number of years until final retirement from the labor force have been reprinted from "The Use of Worklife Tables in Estimates of Lost Earning Capacity", Monthly Labor Review, U. S. Department of Labor, April, 1983, author David M. Nelson, Associate Professor of Economics, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. The data were extracted from U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of February, 1985.

EXHIBIT B2

JOLENE PRAWDZIK LOSS PROJECTION SCHEDULE

\$18,50-

BACK LOST WAGES

ANNUAL EARNINGS AT TERMINATION (88.50 PER HOUR X 2,080 HOURS)
AVERAGE MONTHLY OVERTINE (40 HOURS X \$12.75 PER HOUR X 12 MONTHS)

\$17,6\$0.00

TOTAL ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

\$23,800,00

NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM APRIL 1997 THRU JULY 1999 (28)

AVERAGE MONTHLY COMPENSATION (\$23,900.00 DIVIDED BY 12)

\$1,983.33

TIMES NUMBER OF MONTHS TOTAL BACK LOST WAGES 28 \$55,533 24

LESS POST TERMINATION EARNINGS:

OHM (PER CLIENT QUESTIONAIRRE) MINIMUM WAGE FOR 28 MONTHS (\$5.15 PER HR. \times 173.33 HRS. \times 28 MONTHS)

(\$1,800.00) (\$24,994.18) \$28,739.06

PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS.....

NET BACK LOST WAGEN

ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AT TERMINATION LESS CURRENT EARNINGS (\$5.15 PER HOUR X 2,000 HOURS)

\$23,800.00 (\$10,712.00)

DECREASE IN ANNUAL INCOME SINCE TERMINATION

\$13,088.00

PRESENT VALUE OF

\$13,048.00 @ 5.2% POR 29 YEARS

EQUALS \$193,827.64

TOTAL DAMAGES SUMMARY:

TOTAL NET BACK LOST WAGES
PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS

\$28,739.06 \$193,827.64

TOTAL DAMAGES

\$222,366.70

NAME: XX FNE PRAWDZIK

ACE: 32

DATE OF BURTH: 1-23-67

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

RACE: WHITE SEX: FEMALE

INTEREST RATE: 1 YEAR T-BILL RATE AS OF 8-12-99

DATE OF TERMINATION: 4-10-97
EMPLOYER: SECON INTERNATIONAL
OCCUPATION: HAZARDOUS WASTE

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BACK LOST WAGES

ANNUAL EARNINGS AT TERMINATION (\$8.00 PER HOUR X 2,080 HOURS) AVERAGE MONTHLY OVERTIME (40 HOURS X \$12 PER HOUR X 12 MONTHS) \$16,640.00 \$5,760.00

TOTAL ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

\$22,400.00

NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM APRIL 1997 THRU JULY 1999 (21)

AVERAGE MONTHLY COMPENSATION (\$22,400,00 DIVIDED BY 12)

\$1,866.66

TIMES NUMBER OF MONTHS TOTAL BACK LOST WAGES

\$52,266.48

LESS POST TERMINATION EARNINGS:

OHM (PER CLIENT QUESTKINATERE) MINIMUM WAGE FOR 28 MONTHS (\$5.15 PER HR. X 173.33 HRS. X 28 MONTHS) (\$1,800.00)

NET BACK LOST WAGES

(\$24,994.14)\$25,472,30

PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS.....

ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AT TERMINATION LESS CURRENT EARNINGS (\$5.15 PER HOUR X 2,080 HOURS)

\$22,400.00 (\$10,712.00)

DECREASE IN ANNUAL INCOME SINCE TERMINATION

\$11,688.00

PRESENT VALUE OF

\$11,688.00 @ 5.2% FOR 29 YEARS

EQUALS \$173,094.24

TOTAL DAMAGES SUMMARY:

TOTAL NET BACK LOST WAGES PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS \$25,472,30

\$173,094.24

TOTAL DAMAGES

\$198,566,54

NAME: XILENE PRAWDZIK

AGE: 32

DATE OF BIRTH: 1-23-67

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

RALE: WHITE

SEX. FEMALE

DITEREST RATE: 1 YEAR T-BILL RATE AS OF \$-12-99

DATE OF TERMINATION: 4-10-97 EMPLOYER- SECOR INTERNATIONAL OCCUPATION: HAZARDOUS WASTE

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JOLENE PRAWDZIK LOSS PROJECTION SCHEDULE

BACK LOST WAGES

ANNUAL EARNINGS AT TERMINATION (\$1.00 PER HOUR X 2,010 HOURS)
AVERAGE MONTHLY OVERTIME (40 HOURS X \$12 PER HOUR X 12 MONTHS)

\$16,640.00 \$5,760.00

TOTAL ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

\$22,400.00

NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM AFRIL 1997 THRU JULY 1999 (28)

AVERAGE MONTHLY COMPENSATION (\$22,400,00 DIVIDED BY 12)

\$1,866.66

TIMES NUMBER OF MONTHS
TOTAL BACK LOST WAGES

28 \$52,266,48

LESS FOST TERMINATION EARNINGS:

OHM (PER CLIENT QUESTIONAIRRE)

(\$1,800.00)

NET BACK LOST WAGES

\$50,466.48

PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS.....

ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AT TERMINATION LESS CURRENT EARNINGS (\$5.15 PER HOUR X 2.080 HOURS)

\$22,400.00 (\$10,712.00)

DECREASE IN ANNUAL INCOME SINCE TERMINATION

\$11,611.00

PRESENT VALUE OF

\$11,688.00

@ 5.2% FOR 29 YEARS

EQUALS \$173,094,24

TOTAL DAMAGES SUMMARY:

TOTAL NET BACK LOST WAGES

\$50,466,4\$ \$173,094,24

PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS

4210,09-4

TOTAL DAMAGES

\$223,560.72

NAME: JOLENE PRAWDZIK

AGE: 32

DATE OF BIRTH: 1-23-67

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

RACE: WHITE SEX: FEMALE

INTEREST RATE: 1 YEAR T-BILL RATE AS OF \$-12-99

DATE OF TERMINATION: 410-97 EMPLOYER: SECOR INTERNATIONAL OCCUPATION: HAZARDOUS WASTE

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JAN PRAWDZIK LOSS PROJECTION SCHEDULE

MCK LOST WAGES

ANNUAL EARNINGS AT TERMINATION (\$70,000 ANNUAL SALARY)
COMPANY PAID BENEFITS (HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL & 401-K)

\$70,000 og \$4,800.00 TOTAL ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

\$74,800.00

NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1997 THRU JULY 1999 (22)

AVERAGE MONTHLY COMPENSATION (\$74,800.00 DIVIDED BY 12)

\$6,233,33

TIMES NUMBER OF MONTHS TOTAL BACK LOST WAGES

22 \$137,133,26

LESS POST TERMINATION EARNINGS:

C & C STRUCTURAL (ESTIMATED)
DAVIS SURVEYING (PER 6-30-99 PAYSTUS)
NET BACK LOST WAGES

(\$16,000.00) (\$14,187.00) \$106,946.26

PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS.....

ANNUAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AT TERMINATION LESS CURRENT EARNINGS (\$15.00 PER HOUR X 2,080 HOURS)

\$74,800.00 (\$31,200.00)

DECREASE IN ANNUAL INCOME SINCE TERMINATION

\$43,600.00

PRESENT VALUE OF

TE OF \$43,600.00 @ 5.2' EQUALS \$404,672.55

@ 5.2% FOR 13 YEARS

TOTAL DAMAGES SUNGKARY:

TOTAL NET BACK LOST WAGES
PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE LOST EARNINGS

\$106,946.26 \$404,672.55

TOTAL DAMAGES

\$511,618.81

NAME: IAN PRAWDZIK

ACE: 49

DATE OF BIRTH: 12-27-49

EDUCATION: BACHELORS DEGREE

RACE: WHITE SEX: MALE

INTEREST RATE: 1 YEAR T-BILL RATE AS OF 8-12-99

DATE OF TERMINATION: 10-20-97
EMPLOYER: SECOR INTERNATIONAL
OCCUPATION: PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

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Resume

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Age:

Forty Nine

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918-492-2993 B.S. Degree, Major in Accounting

(Missors in Business & Economics)

Graduated 5-16-72

Northeastern State University

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Employment History

1983-1999

Barnes & Barnes, Inc.

1972-1983

Various Corporate Accounting Positions with Tulsa Companies

Professional Experience

Over twenty five years experience in the field of accounting, financial consulting and tax work. Have prepared tax returns consisting of corporate, partnership, fiduciary, individual, and various other federal and state tax returns. Have represented clients in the following matters: corporate and individual IRS audits, criminal investigations, wage & bour audits, DOL investigations, etc.

Presently have about 50 Tulsa corporations on monthly retainer for accounting and tax work. Responsible for their monthly financial statements, credit lines and loan applications, tax preparation, business evaluation and financial consulting, insurance review, workers' comp audits, etc. Am on a first name basis with many officials with the IRS and Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Have prepared lost income calculations, including computation of lost future earnings discounted to present value, in over 150 wrongful termination cases. In addition to preparing the calculation, I have provided both deposition and trial testimony on this subject.

Have worked extensively with several panel trustees regarding companies in bankruptcy. This involves conducting business evaluations, preparing fiduciary tax returns, review and analysis of books and records, identifying and analyzing preferences and fraudulent conveyances, etc. Have appeared numerous times as an expert witness before State and Federal Courts.

Have served as Personal Representative/Administrator, Executor, Receiver, and Guardian for the Tulsa County District Court. Have been retained by FDIC for accounting and financial work regarding several companies and individuals in bankruptcy. Previously served as a Trustee for a six million dollar estate in Chapter 11 in the Eastern District of Oklahoms.

Gary Barnes

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Client Name: JAN PRAWDZIK

Age: 49

'): M Race (W/B/O): W Percent of Disability: 100% Sex (M/F): M

Life Expectancy: 26.9

Worklife Expectancies

Worklife Expectancy Based on Educational Attainment

Average Number of Years Remaining Until Final Retirement From the Labor Force 12.7

Average Number of Remaining Years of Labor Force Participation 13.4

Calculation of Future Lost Earnings

Enter Interest Rate: 5.2 Enter Annual Earnings: \$ 43,600 Enter Years: 13 Present Value Amount: \$ 404,672.55

Worklife duration figures were obtained from the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, compiled as of September, 1985; and material reprinted from "Revised Worklife Tables Reflect 1979-80 Experience", Monthly Labor Review, U. S. Department of Labor, August, 1985, author Shirley J. Smith, Demographic Statistician in the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data on average number of years until final retirement from the labor force have been reprinted from "The Use of Worklife Tables in Estimates of Lost Earning Capacity", Monthly Labor Review, U. S. Department of Labor, April, 1983, author David M. Nelson, Associate Professor of Economics, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. The data were extracted from U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of February, 1985.

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